

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 19, 2018

The Public Service Committee met Friday, January 19, 2018 at 12:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room. 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana. Present were Committee Chair Dwayne Andrews and Committee Members Ken Gardner, Kathy Wilcox and John Uden.

Also present were: Public Works Director Scott Gray, Parks Foreman Brady Stone, Historic Presentation Program Administrator Connie Muggli and Minute Recorder Ally Capps.

1. Request of Citizens/Public Comment

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2. Elect Committee Chair

*** Committee Chair Andrews made a motion to elect Committee Member Uden as 2018 Committee Chair, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. On a roll-call vote, the Motion **passed** 3-0. Committee Member Uden abstained.*

3. Stanley Field Discussion

Representing the Outlaws Baseball Club, Chad Notbohm, 1908 Sudlow Street, presented to the Committee proposed improvements for the restoration of Stanley Field. Communicating a \$50,000 grant will be available for; turf for the infield, grass for outfield and a sprinkler system. We also have other donators that are willing to match the grant. Do to time limitations; the field will be dirt or clay the first year. Contributions for Stanley Field will also be decorative cinder block dugouts along with supplies for a press box. A fencing company is willing to donate \$60,000 in vinyl-coated chain-link fencing. Committee Member Uden asked Citizen Notbohm if he had any plans at this time in updating the restrooms in Water Plant Park. Mr. Notbohm responded that at this time there were no plans for upgrading the restrooms. The Club will bring in port-a-potties when the field is in use. Committee Member Uden asked Director Gray if he felt he had the work force to take care of Stanley Park. Foreman Stone replied based on his figures and the care that Stanley Park has had in the past, six hours a week would be required in the summer for watering, fertilizing, mowing and pick-up of the park.

The Parks staff will be adding a full time employee in spring. Stanley Field does

require maintenance now for mowing and setting up watering for Pumping Plant Park. Mr. Notbohm asked if the Club could tap into the backside of the field to bring a water line to the outfield and then tap in the sprinkles. Director Gray explained that a waterline is available on right field. Foreman Stone also commented there is an existing 14" pipe that runs through the existing outfield to a fire hydrant. Director Gray asked Mr. Notbohm if they had figured parking into fields improvements. Pumping Plant does have limited open space and parking, adding 30-40 cars will require planning as it will cause extra congestion. In addition, we need to be aware of parking needs for the Water Works Art Museum. Mr. Notbohm thought with the fence going along the side of the field, would open a parking area.

Committee Member Wilcox asked if the Outlaws Baseball Club donates these improvements to the City who owns the improvements. Director Gray responded that a park user permit would be set up for Stanley Field. In these permits, there one section covers donations and states that all donations stay with the field. One option proposed could state, Stanley Field would be for the Outlaws Club since they have had generously donated and improved Stanley Field. Committee Member Andrews requested that the Outlaw Club put their proposal into writing and submit their request to Council, showing an outline for the grant and donations for Stanley Field.

*** Committee Member Uden made a motion to approve their request and commend the Outlaw Baseball Club's commitment and effort for modernizing Stanley Field with a due pass recommendation on the Club's plan, seconded by Member Andrews with the wording "written plan" be added to the original motion. On a roll-call vote, the Motion passed unanimously 4-0.*

3. Recognize Maurice Hilleman

Committee Member Andrews shared his thoughts in naming Pumping Plant Park and Stanley Field to the Maurice Hilleman Park. Committee Member Uden shared his views regarding his choice in renaming Riverside Park to Maurice R. Hilleman Memorial Park. The old water tower foundation would be a great place to honor and recognize Maurice Hilleman. Honoring Maurice Hilleman, would be educational as well as an historical tribute to a man who accomplished so much and saved millions of lives and was born and raised in Miles City. Administrator Muggli added due to Riverside Park being on the National Registry, its name is significant to Miles City and is on the National Registry as a significant contributing element of the Main Street Historic District. The Historic Preservation Board in the past year had looked at adding a Steam Ship Captain Statue or a bust of Dr. Maurice Hilleman onto the old water tank foundation in Riverside Park for a memorial. Director Gray asked Committee Member Uden about the memorial Merck and Company was interested in providing to Miles City, for the work Dr. Hilleman had accomplished. Committee Member Uden had talked to Merck and they were still interested in providing help to the memorial


but the verbal stipulation was naming the park, Hilleman Memorial Park. Administrator Muggli asked if Merck was going to send the City a written letter of commitment. Committee Member Uden would contact Merck for a written letter of commitment. The Preservation Commission was thinking of a granite pedestal with a bust of a Steam Boat Captain and adding a brass plaque to tell the story of Fort Keogh and the forts significates to Miles City. Miles City formed near the river by being a landing dock for Fort Keogh. However, this could also be in addition for Dr. Hilleman and his tremendous impact he had on saving millions of lives of children starting in the 1960's just for his measles vaccine alone.

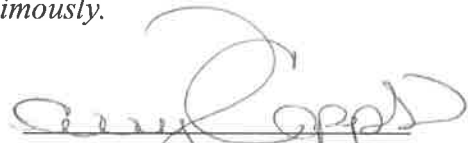
Committee Member Gardner mentioned he has had public comment asking that Riverside Parks name not be changed.

***Committee Member Uden motioned a resolution be prepared to change the name of Riverside Park to the Dr. Maurice R. Hilleman Memorial Park. There was not a second.*

***Committee Member Andrews motioned that Riverside Park have some sort of memorial for Dr. Hilleman and that we name Stanley Field and Pumping Plant Park the Maurice Hilleman Complex, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. On roll call vote, the motion **passed** 3-1 with Committee Member Uden opposed.*

***Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee Member Uden, motion **passed** unanimously.*


Dwayne Andrews, Chairperson


Ally Capps, Recorder